



TO THE
HONOURABLE,
THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS
NOW ASSEMBLED IN
PARLIAMENT.

The humble Petition of the High-Sheriff, Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, Ministers, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Sussex.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,



That your Petitioners having suffered in as deep a nature, both in our Religion, Laws, Estates, and Liberties, as the many thousands of our Brethren, who have already made known their condition to this Honourable Assembly: Notwithstanding we cannot but thankfully acknowledge the benefits which we have received already by your unwearied labours, faithfull endeavors, and undanted resolutions against all delays, desperate plots upon your Persons, Estates, and Liberties; many heave taxes we are eased of; much freedome we enjoy in our Consciences and livelyhood; defending us from the violent cruelties, and formidable power of the *Prelates* and their *Courts*, making good our Laws against

Treasons and evill Counsels, maintaining the true Religion and the glory of it, maugre the endeavors of *Arminians*, *Bishops*, ill-affected Clergy, and others, and the destructive plots of *Papists*, and the power of popish Lords, opening the mouths of faithfull Ministers long since silenced, enlarging those who were in prison and exile; appointing *Lieutenants* of trust; providing relief for distressed *Ireland*, the crying object of pitty, and subject of our enemies cruelty, our humble desires are above all.

That the Laws of God be truly maintained; *Government and Discipline* so settled, that we may conforme therein, to the perfect rule of Gods word; able, learned, and painfull Ministers may be encouraged, scandalous, speedily displaced; Pluralities and unwarranted orders and dignities of the Clergy taken away; that the probates of Wills and Testaments, may be reserved to the cognizance of the Temporall Courts; that places of concernment in the Kingdome, may be in the hands of Persons of integrity and good conversation; *Papists* may be totally disarmed, the Persons confined, the subtile conveyances of there estates discovered, and prevented; secret evill Councells and Councillors taken away from His Majesty; Delinquents punished; sale of Honour, and Offices restrained: That our County, more then seventy miles, naked to the Sea, may speedily be put into a posture of warlike defence by Sea and Land; Sea-men encouraged, fishing maintained, *Ireland* farther relieved, the Clergy, and others disobeying your late Orders in our Cathedrall, and other Churches, questioned, the Universities thoroughly purged, the Masse utterly abolished.

For the perfecting of which, and all other your honourable endeavours, that the glory of God may be by your zealous and loyall intentions propagated, The honour and safety of his Majesty and his Kingdome, advanced, the priviledges of *Parliament*, and every Member thereof maintained; We shall never be wanting with our prayers, lives, and estates, according to our *Protestation*, to give you our uttermost assistance.